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ON TO BERLIN.

The president has directed an expeditionary force of approximately one division of regular troops, under command of Gen. John J. Pershing, to proceed to France at as early a date as practicable. General Pershing and staff will precede the troops abroad.

It is requested that no details or speculation with regard to the mobilization of this command, dates of departure, or other items be carried by the press, other than the official bulletins given out by the war department in regard thereto.

Announcement of the order followed the signing of the selective draft war army bill by the president and the issuing of a statement that under advice of military experts on both sides of the water the president could not employ volunteers nor avail himself of the "fine vigor and enthusiasm" of former president Roosevelt for the expedition.

The number of men in the expeditionary forces has not been disclosed. A division at war strength, however, totals more than 25,000 men of all arms and the "approximate" division of the war department's statement probably will exceed that figure.

General Pershing, a republican in politics, was a brigadier general when he led the forces into Mexico in pursuit of the bandit Villa. His work at that time won for him selection by his brother general officers as a major general, and the choice was heartily endorsed by the war department and President Wilson himself.

In his explanation of his reasons for not availing himself of the so-called Roosevelt amendment to the army bill, Mr. Wilson says his proposal to raise a volunteer corps or division would drain the regular service of men vitally needed to train the millions that must be whipped into fighting trim in all too brief a time.

The list of regular officers Col. Roosevelt desired to take with him has been the subject of much speculation and comment. Because of the old association in Spanish war days between Major General Leonard Wood and Mr. Roosevelt, it has been regarded as virtually certain that General Wood was the former president's selection for supreme command of the forces.

Under the plans of the war department Gen. Wood, by reason of his great experience in mobilization problems, his unflinching energy and enthusiasm, has been assigned the hardest task of any general officer. He will direct as the commander of the south, the training of twelve divisions, or more than 300,000 men, among whom without question will be those who will first be selected to follow Gen. Pershing's forces to France. Even before the bill was signed the war department announced that the full strength of the national guard would be drafted into the United States army beginning July 15 and concluding Aug. 5. Orders to bring the regiments to full war strength immediately accompanied the notifications sent to all governors. A minimum of 329,000 fighting men will be brought to the colors under those orders, supplementing the 293,000 regulars who will be under arms by June 15. It is from these forces that the first armies to join General Pershing at the front will be drawn, to be followed within a few months by recurring waves from the selective draft armies, the first 500,000 men of whom will be mobilized September 1.

FINISHING THE PLOT

By LOUISE OLIVER.

John Penderly saw something shining on the sidewalk and stooping quickly he was crushed by the foot of some pedestrian, picked it up and put it into his pocket.

In the elevator he took it out and examined it. It was a buckle off a lady's slipper. He had it in his hand when he opened the door of his office, and Miss Purcell looked up with interest and surprise when he laid it on her desk. "That's what I've been looking for for six months!" he said. "I don't understand," she answered, puzzled.

"Don't you remember my telling you that I was going to write a book just as soon as I had a real clue to a plot. I've always held that there wouldn't be so much bosh in fiction if authors would choose real things to work on instead of making them up. Now, here I have a mystery—a real one. To whom does the buckle belong?"

"Yes, Mr. Penderly, but that's only an incident, finding it, not a plot," Miss Purcell felt it her duty to discourage any literary attempt on the part of her employer's son, in her employer's absence. She had heard so many alterations upon the subject. The older Mr. Penderly wished his son to devote all his time and ability to learning the business, that of foreign trade, while John, who had been assistant editor of his college journal, insisted that he wished to follow in the footsteps of Kipling.

"No, it's not a plot, but that will come. The thing was to get a real start and now I have it. What kind of person do you think, Miss Purcell, could have lost that buckle?" He had drawn up a chair quite close to her desk.

She picked it up and looked it over. It was of silver, square and plain, with fine lines of black enamel tracing on it that gave it an Oriental look. "I should say," said she, "that it belongs to a person who knew something pretty when she saw it and who would be very much chagrined when she found it gone."

"But that doesn't get us anywhere. Let's leave the lady's feelings out of it."

Miss Purcell was pensive. "She might be old, of course, for any shoe dealer would tell you that buckle is modest enough to be worn by anyone."

"Modest! I knew it. We'll leave out the 'old.' And John made an item with his fountain pen in a small notebook."

"And it is good. It's marked sterling. The lady would not wear an imitation."

"Honest!" cried John with delight. "Modest and honest! Holmes and Le-coq were not in it with you. Go on!"

"I'm afraid I can't. I should like to tell you the lady was beautiful, petite and clever, but my powers of observation fail me here. This buckle could come off a number seven as easily as a two, and the lady may be as homely as Three Eyes in the fairy tale. I'm afraid she wasn't clever, either, or she would have missed it instantly."

"Perhaps she did. There was an immense crowd. I was probably right behind her. I wish I'd looked."

"Mr. Penderly, I'd choose a heroine of my own making. I'm afraid if you go on hunting a perfect one you'll be like Tom the Water Boy hunting Mr. Grimes. It will take you over seven hundred years."

"I have a bully idea," cried John, springing up. "You'd make a fine critic. I'm going to do a chapter every day and let you go over it, if you will."

John started his book, much to the disgust of his family. It was a marvelous tale of an ambassador's daughter who, after discovering the willingness of the young man (who finds the lost buckle) to follow her to the ends of the earth, conceals her identity and uses him to discover state secrets, which she hastens to carry back to her own country. The young man follows, and then—

Up to this time Miss Purcell had been a great help. She had hurried with her lunch every day and was back at the office in time to give a half hour's work to the manuscript. "Now what?" asked John, putting the latest chapter before her one day.

"What do you mean?"

"What shall I do next? I've got the poor fellow in a dreadful box and don't know how to get him out. Besides, I find I have not made the girl affectionate enough. She doesn't seem to like him, really."

Miss Purcell was aghast. "Do you mean that you started your story without finishing your plot first?"

He looked crestfallen. "I'm afraid I did."

"Then you'll have to begin all over again," she said firmly. "That is, if you really still insist on writing a book."

"I hate to be beaten, but I'll be blessed if I can think of a thing."

"I told you fact was stronger than fiction," she reminded him, opening a drawer. "Look here; I'll give you a plot."

He bent over eagerly. "What is it?" She held up two buckles just alike, one of which he had found.

"It was yours!" he gasped.

"Yes. That's your story—a coincidence."

"But it won't sell without love."

"I can't help that. You'll have to do the rest yourself."

"All right, I shall. Laura, dear, I adore you."

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He Ought to Know.

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as a candidate for sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in August.

We are authorized to announce

WILLIAM R. HOWELL,

of Christian county, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the State Senate from the District composed of Christian and Hopkins counties. Subject to the August primary.

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H. A. ROBINSON,

of Hopkinsville, as candidate for the Democratic nomination for STATE SENATOR for the Sixth Senatorial District composed of the counties of Christian and Hopkins. Primary August 4.

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